

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct an oversight hearing. The committee will receive testimony on the President's proposed budget for FY2002 for the Department of the Interior.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,
AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on Better Pharmaceuticals for Children: Assessment and Opportunities during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR, WETLANDS,
PRIVATE PROPERTY AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet on Tuesday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct an oversight hearing on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2001, to conduct a hearing on "Oversight of the Mission of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, OFHEO, and the Financial Safety and Soundness of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent Meghan McGowan, a fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of the education bill when it is on the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), appoints the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), appoints the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appoints the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy.

AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION
BY SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 84, submitted by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 84) to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in *Timothy A. Holt v. Phil Gramm*.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, a pro se plaintiff has commenced a civil action in Texas state court seeking damages against Senator GRAMM based on the Senator's acts of voting and introducing legislation regarding the labor of foreign nationals. The action makes Senator GRAMM a defendant solely because of acts of voting and introducing legislation taken in his official capacity as United States Senator. As such, the action is barred by the speech or debate clause of the Constitution. As Senators, we answer to our constituents, not to the courts, for our legislative activity.

This resolution would authorize the Senate Legal Counsel to represent Senator GRAMM to seek dismissal of the matter.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 84) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.
(The resolution is printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 41 and 50.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the mo-

tions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Richard Nathan Haass, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of Service as Director, Policy Planning Staff, Department of State.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Edward C. Aldridge, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 9,
2001

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9. I further ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of the Mikulski amendment regarding community technology centers as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, tomorrow morning the Senate will have 5 minutes for closing remarks on the Mikulski amendment, with a vote to occur at approximately 9:35 a.m. There are numerous amendments currently pending to the education bill and others expected to be offered during tomorrow's session. The Senate will continue consideration of the education bill until the budget resolution conference report is received from the House. It is hoped the papers will arrive no later than tomorrow afternoon so the Senate can attempt to complete action on the conference report prior to tomorrow's adjournment. As a reminder, all first-degree amendments to the education bill must be filed no later than 5 p.m. tomorrow, as under a previous order.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous